Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A composition useful for hepatoprotection, said composition comprising an effective amount of a polar solvent extract (A001) from the plant *Cryptolepis buchanani*; and optionally pharmaceutically acceptable additives.

2. (currently amended) [[A]]The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said additives are selected from a group of nutrients ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of proteins, carbohydrates, sugar, talc, magnesium stearate, cellulose, calcium carbonate, and starch-gelatin paste[[,]]; and/or a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, diluent, or solvent.

3. (currently amended) [[A]]The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polar solvent[[s are]]is selected from a

group ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of alcohol, rectified spirit, aqueous rectified spirit, and water.

4. (currently amended) [[A]]The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein said extract and additives are in the ratio ranging between 1:1 to 1:10.

5. (currently amended) A method of preparing a polar solvent extract A001 and its four fractions F001, F002, F003, and F004 from plant *Cryptolepis buchanani* having hepatoprotective activity, said method comprising:

(i) powdering said plant,

(ii) percolating said powder in cold with a polar solvent,

(iii) concentrating said percolate to prepare a polar solvent extract (A001),

(iv) triturating said extract successively with solvents of increasing polarity using hexane and chloroform,

(v) collecting fractions F001 and F002 respectively with said solvents and a residue,

(vi) partioning said residue between n-butanol and water of ratio 5:1, and

(vii) collecting the n-butanol soluble fraction (F003) and the water soluble fraction (F004).

6. (currently amended) [[A]]The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein a root and an aerial part of said plant are preferred plant parts for said activity.

7. (currently amended) [[A]]The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein polar solvent is selected from a group consisting essentially of~~comprising~~ methanol, propanol, and ethanol.

8. (currently amended) [[A]]The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the polar solvent is ~~preferably~~ 95% ethanol.

9. (currently amended) [[A]]The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the percolated plant in polar solvent is at a concentration ranging between 100[[-]] and 500gms/liter.

10. (currently amended) [[A]]The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the percolation is for a time duration ranging between 14[[-]] and 18 hours.

11. (currently amended) [[A]]The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the percolated extract is concentrated by evaporation under reduced pressure.

12. (currently amended) [[A]]The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the percolated extract is concentrated at a temperature ranging between 40° C and [[-]]50° C.

13. (currently amended) [[A]]The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the percolated extract is concentrated at a temperature ~~preferably~~ of about 45° C.

14. (currently amended) [[A]]The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the percolated extract is finally dried in a vacuum.

15. (currently amended) [[A]]The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the trituration rate ~~is ranging~~ ranges between 15[[-]] and 35 ml/minute.

16. (currently amended) [[A]]The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the trituration rate is ~~preferably~~ about 23 ml/minute.

17. (currently amended) [[A]]The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein triturating with each of the said solvents occurs for a time duration ranging between 20 [[to]]and 40 minutes.

18. (currently amended) [[A]]The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said fractions have a concentration of :

(a) F001– about 11% (w/w),

(b) F002 – about 15 % (w/w),

(c) F003 — about 40% (w/w), and

(d) F004 — about 35% (w/w).

19. (currently amended) A composition useful for hepatoprotection, said composition comprising an effective amount of the fraction F003 of claim 5 from plant *Cryptolepis buchanani*, and optionally pharmaceutically acceptable additives.

20. (currently amended)) [[A]]The composition as claimed in claim 19, wherein said additives are selected from a group of nutrients ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of proteins,

carbohydrates, sugar, talc, magnesium stearate, cellulose, calcium carbonate, and starch-gelatin paste[[,]]; and/or a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, diluent, or solvent.

21. (currently amended) [[A]]The composition as claimed in claim 19, wherein said fraction and additives are in a ratio ranging between 1:1 [[to]]and 1:10.

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